

General Service in Malang, December 18, 2016 (Sunday Morning)

To Coincide with the Upgrading Service for the Priests and Priests to be II

Peace and grace in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

There are two activities in the throne of Heaven that are written in Revelation 4:8-11 as follows.

1. The activity of sanctification.

Revelation 4:8

4:8 The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"

2. [Revelation 4:9-11] The activity of worship.

Revelation 4:10

4:10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:

If we, who live in this cursed world, want to live in the ambience of the throne of Heaven, we must experience the activity of sanctification and worship.

- ad. 1. The activity of sanctification.

The activity of sanctification is related with God, who was and is and is to come. The relation with the Tabernacle is as follows.

- a. Who was = the Court or the Altar of Burnt Offerings. It refers to repentance from sins that were done in the past.
- b. Who is = the Holy Place or the Table of Showbread. It refers to the true teaching Word that sanctifies us from the snare of sins so we will not be stumbled or fall.
- c. Who is to come = the Most Holy Place. It refers to sanctification through the sprinkling of blood.

The sprinkling of blood is flesh suffering together with Jesus.

2 Corinthians 1:8-9

1:8 For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life.

1:9 Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead,

Why does God let us experience flesh suffering together with Him? It is so that we do not trust in ourselves with its might, but we only believe in God who is powerful to raise the dead.

Jeremiah 9:23-24

9:23 Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise manglory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty manglory in his might, Nor let the rich manglory in his riches;

9:24 But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the Lord.

Jeremiah 17:5

17:5 Thus says the Lord: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man And makes flesh his strength, Whose heart departs from the Lord.

Trusting or relying on might or intelligence equals to departing from God. The consequence is he will be cursed.

Let us only believe and fully surrender our life to God who is full of righteousness, judgment, and lovingkindness. Thus, we will be trusted by Him. There are three things which are entrusted by God as follows.

1. The Word of God.

Romans 3:1-2

3:1 What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision?

3:2 Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God.

Acts 13:46

13:46 Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.

The Word of God is the main trust of God.

Actually, the Word of God was only entrusted to the Israelites. But, since part of them rejected it, there is chance for the Gentiles to receive the Word of God. Our attitude is we must hear the Word of God earnestly until we can understand it. It is continued with believing and having faith to the Word, as well as practicing it until the flesh does not sound anymore. It equals to believing and fully surrendering our life to God who is full of righteousness. Thus, we will receive wisdom from God.

The results are as follows.

- Wisdom gives success and beauty in our life.

Ecclesiastes 10:10

10:10 If the ax is dull, And one does not sharpen the edge, Then he must use more strength; But wisdom brings success.

- Wisdom from God is able to protect us from all dangers, as well as protect us from sin up to its peak.

Revelation 13:18

13:18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

2. Mina or talents, that is the ministry and gifts of Holy Spirit.

Luke 19:12-13

19:12 Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return.

19:13 So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business till I come.'

Ten minas are given to ten servants. It refers to the judgment or justice of God. All people may serve Him, the rest is just we want to serve Him or not.

Actually, only the Israelites, the chosen nation of God, were allowed to serve Him. By descendant, the Gentiles cannot and are unworthy to serve God.

1 Peter 2:9-10

2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

2:10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

But God opens the way for the Gentiles through the path of mercy in the price of His blood on the cross. Thus, the Gentiles can serve God according to the ministry entrusted by Him.

Revelation 1:5-6

1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

1:6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Jesus must pour His blood and die on the cross to do the things as follows.

- To set us free from sins, so we can live in righteousness and holiness.
- To appoint us as the kings and priests, so we can serve God according to the ministry entrusted by Him.

The price of ministry for the Gentiles is the blood of Jesus that cannot be bought or changed by anything in the world. If one is unfaithful even leaves the ministry, it is the guilt of bloodshed that cannot be paid by anything else.

The true attitude is we must be faithful and good, faithful and right, faithful and fervent in spirit, as well as faithful and can be trusted in serving God according to the ministry entrusted by Him to us, until the end line.

Matthew 25:21

25:21 His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

The result is that God is able to give the Heavenly joy in the midst of this cursed world. We will be trusted for great thing, that is the building of the perfect body of Christ, starting from within marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, until the

Israelites and the Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ. If one does not want to be used by God, he will be used by Satan for the building of Babylon, that is the perfection in evil and uncleanness.

3. Jesus.

Matthew 15:24

15:24 But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

Actually, Jesus is trusted to the Israelites who are the sheep of God, not to the Gentiles who are as the dog and swine.

Romans 11:25

11:25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

Since part of the Israelites hardened their heart, a chance is opened for the Gentiles.

Matthew 15:26-28

15:26 But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."

15:27 And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

15:28 Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

The Gentiles are lifted up from the dog to the sheep of God by licking the crumbs, meaning appreciating the revelation of the Word and the Holy Communion. We must be well and right shepherded, meaning as follows.

- Always dwelling in the shepherding pen or persevering in three main services.
- Eating the crumbs, that is enjoying the revelation of the Word, and hearing and obeying the voice of the Shepherd. It equals to stretching out both our hands to God, believing and fully surrendering our life to God who is full of lovingkindness. Thus, He will also stretch out His hands which are full of lovingkindness or the hands with resurrection power to us.

The results are as follows.

- The healing power.

Matthew 9:2,6

9:2 Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."

9:6 But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"--then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

Being paralysed means that there are evil and unclean sins, or being unfaithful in the ministry. God is able to heal the paralytic so we can live in righteousness and holiness, and be faithful in serving Him.

Being paralysed also refers to broken marriage. God is able to recover it.

Matthew 9:20-22

9:20 And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment.

9:21 For she said to herself, "If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well."

9:22 But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, "Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that hour.

The woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years was healed. God is able to heal the impossible diseases.

- The resurrection power.

Matthew 9:18

9:18 While He spoke these things to them, behold, a ruler came and worshiped Him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live."

The ruler was against Jesus and following the Law. But then he could be gentle and accept the Word. As the result, the dead daughter could be raised. The impossible problems will be made possible.

- The sanctification power.

Isaiah 4:1

4:1 And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, "We will eat our own food and wear our own apparel; Only let us be called by your name, To take away our reproach."

We are sanctified from worry so we can be faithful and right. Our mouth is sanctified so we can say good and right words. Our deeds are also sanctified so we can do good and right deeds. We are sanctified continuously until we become perfect on His second coming.

Hosea 2:19

2:19 "I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and justice, In lovingkindness and mercy;

God blesses us.